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System and Method for Transferring Blanks in a

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NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

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I hereby certify that this document is being sent via First Class U. S. mail addressed to: Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, P. O Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this q day of may, 2006.

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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals and Interferences from the Decision of the Examiner dated January 12, 2006 finally rejecting claims 9-13 and 15. The right to request an oral hearing is reserved.

A Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time is being filed herewith, extending the time to respond to the Examiner's Final Rejection from April 12, 2006 to May 12, 2006.

A check in the amount of \$250 is enclosed herewith to cover the fee for filing the Notice of Appeal. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies and credit any overpayments to the Deposit Account No. 04-1420.

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Respectfully submitted,

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